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SUBJ: GATT/UNCTAD ITC JOINT ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS

REFS: (A) GENEVA 172; (B) GENEVA 175; (C) STATE 11341

1. SUMMARY: JOINT ADVISORY GROUP (JAG) CONCLUDED EIGHTH SESSION JANUARY 17. ONLY CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE RELATED TO COMPOSITION OF JAG TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (REFTELS), WHICH LEFT UNRESOLVED SINCE JAG CHAIRMAN MOEREL'S PROPOSALS NOT ACCEPTED BY GROUP B COUNTRIES. TECHCOM REPORT (REF A) ACCEPTED BY JAG WITH MINOR MODIFICATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. JAG CHAIRMAN MOEREL DECIDED TO REFRAIN FROM ADVANCING ANY PROPOSAL TO JAG REGARDING COMPOSITION OF TECHCOM. HE TOLD JAG, REGRETFULLY, THAT INABILITY OBTAIN AGREEMENT TO PROPOSALS

IN COURSE HIS INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH DELEGATIONS AND GROUPS
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FOR PAST TWO YEARS HAVE FORCED HIM TO DECISION TO ABANDON HIS

EFFORTS AND TO REQUEST UNCTAD TDB AT NEXT SESSION TO RELIEVE HIM FROM MANDATE. THUS, UNLESS CONSENSUS WAS REACHED OVER NEXT FEW MONTHS, WHICH HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE, STATUS QUO WOULD REMAIN IN EFFECT AND 1976 MEETING OF TECHCOM WOULD HAVE SAME MEMBERS AS AT PRESENT.

3. NUMBER OF LDC'S (EGYPT, CUBA, ALGERIA, NIGERIA) EXPRESSED STRONG DISSATISFACTION THAT ISSUE NOT RESOLVED AND ASKED THAT ITEM ON TECHCOM COMPOSITION BE PLACED ON AGENDA NEXT JAG MEETING. GROUP B COUNTRIES MADE NO INTERVENTIONS ON ISSUE.

4. REPORT ON TECHCOM SESSION APPROVED WITH MINOR CHANGES. SUBSTANCE OF REPORT OF WORKING PARTY ON ECOSOC RES 1819 ALSO APPROVED AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO UNCTAD TDB AS PART OF JAG REPORT. (MISSION WILL FORWARD COPIES AS SOON AS FINAL VERSION AVAILABLE.)

5. JAG APPROVED BRAZIL PROPOSAL, SUPPORTED BY US DEL, URGING ITC SECRETARIAT TO SEEK APPROPRIATE MEANS (SUBMISSION OF A PAPER, OR THROUGH ORAL STATEMENT) TO PRESENT INFORMATION ON ROLE AND CAPABILITIES TO UNIDO II.

6. JAG DECIDED TO HOLD 1976 MEETINGS BEGINNING JANUARY 5 (TECHCOM) AND WEEK OF JANUARY 12 (JAG).
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